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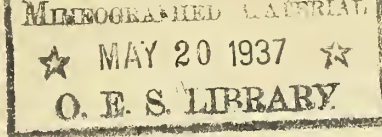
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SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR FARMER CONSIDERATION AS A BASIS FOR
THE 1938 A. C. PROGRAM.

A Summary of Questions Submitted By Regional Groups

Each of the five regional groups prepared a list of tentative questions for use in determining the attitude of farmers relative to the Agricultural Conservation programs for 1936 and 1937 and recommendations for the 1938 program. These questions have been summarized by request.

In summarizing the questions only those of more or less general application have been included. Questions of local character have been omitted.

An effort has been made to state each question in a form that the answers could be tabulated and summarized.

From this composite statement of questions selections and modifications may be made of those deemed most useful within a State and it is assumed that questions of local interest may be added.

It has been suggested that the number of major questions used in any one State be reduced to not more than three or five.

I. Accomplishments

Has the agricultural conservation program during 1936-37 influenced farming in your county?

1. What percent of farmers participated in 1937? _____
2. What percent increase has the Agricultural Conservation Program caused in soil building crop acreage? _____
3. What percent change has the Agricultural Conservation Program caused in livestock numbers?
Increase _____
Decrease _____
4. What percent of farmers have adopted additional improved soil building practices? _____
5. Are these changes in line with the recommendations of the county planning committee? _____

II. Production Adjustment

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Do you want legislation which would provide for production control designed to maintain a balance with demand? _____

1. Should the program be continued on a purely voluntary basis as at present? _____

Would you favor

(1) A penalty for failure to cooperate. _____

(2) Larger payments for cooperation. _____

III. Bases

1. Should we have:

(a) A soil depleting base from which diversion is to be made? _____

(b) A soil conserving goal in relation to which performance is measured? _____

(c) Other? _____

2. Should the base or goal be established by:

(a) The appraisal of a "normal" as in the 1937 program? _____

(b) The individual history of the farm? _____

(c) A recommended soil-conserving balanced cropping system for the individual farm? _____

(d) A county ratio of soil conserving to soil depleting crops to cropland? _____

(e) Other? _____

IV. Payments

Diversion vs. Practice Payments

1. Should the present proportion of the funds for diversion and for practices be changed? _____

Diversion Payments

2. Should there be diversion payments? _____

Practice Payments

3. Or should all payments be for practices? _____
4. Do payments as made under the present program stimulate additional practices? _____

Should payments be made:

- (a) Only for practices in addition to those normally followed? _____
- (b) Only for practices which are higher in standard of quality than those normally followed? _____
- (c) On additional practices not included in 1937 program? _____
If so, what practices? _____ Describe _____
5. Should payments be made for practices for maintaining land now in soil conserving crops which was diverted in 1936 or 1937? _____
6. Should the farm allowance and rates of payment be higher on farms where the costs of soil building and maintenance practices are relatively higher? _____

Sub-marginal Land

7. Should payments be denied in submarginal areas? _____

Should payments be denied with respect to farms of low productivity or with respect to land of low productivity on farms? _____

Balanced Farm Program

8. Should separate payments be made for diversion from each soil depleting base and for each soil building practice as in 1937, or should one payment be offered for a well-balanced farm program and final payment be based on degree of fulfillment of farm program? _____

V. Diversion (See IV. Payments)

1. Should farms be classified as diversion and non-diversion farms? _____

2. If such classification be continued in 1938, should such classification be determined:

- (a) At the option of the producer? _____
- (b) By the size of the base? _____
- (c) By the proportion of base to cropland? _____
- (d) Other? _____

VI. Land Use (See IV)

1. Should the Agricultural Conservation Program include measures which would encourage a shift in the uses of land not for the sake of conservation, but to get it into uses which will eventually be more profitable? _____

(Note: Such measures might be the removal of orchards or vineyards from locations not adapted to fruits, reforesting poor farm land, etc.)

VII. Special Crops Problems

1. Are special crop problems being satisfactorily handled in the 1937 program? _____

- (a) Vegetable crops
- (b) Orchards
- (c) Woodlots
- (d) Beets
- (e) _____
- (f) _____

VIII. Food and Feed for Home Consumption

1. Is there need for increased production of feed and food for home consumption in your county? _____

2. If so, how could the program be changed to encourage this increase? _____

IX. Administrative Problems

1. What is the best basis for division of payments between landlord and tenant? _____

2. Is present basis for determination of a farm unit satisfactory? _____

3. What changes should be made in the provisions for the performance on multiple farms? _____

4. What specific points in the 1937 program did you find most difficult to explain to other people? _____



